

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

This amendment makes a correction to claims 1, 4 and 8 regarding "the second bus" and corrects other obvious mistakes in claims 4 and 5, in both cases without affecting the scope of the claims.

In addition, the rejection of claim 6 is overcome as the allegedly unclear subject matter "too long" has been deleted from that claim.

Regarding the rejection of claim 9, where the term "dominant" was questioned as being unclear, the term as used in this claim refers to one interface being more effective or predominant in action than the other, with respect to performing bus transactions.

New claims 11-13 have been added without introducing any new matter. These claims recite a method for performing bus transactions using multiple buses in a manner described in the Specification as filed. These claims are also submitted as being allowable because they reflect operations involving the first and second interfaces that are to send packets over one bus and not the other, and vice-versa, with two different ways of performing the claimed, buffered transactions. Such a methodology is submitted as not being shown or rendered obvious by the prior art.

Any dependent claims not mentioned above are submitted as not being anticipated or obvious, for at least the same reasons given above in support of their base claims.

CONCLUSION


In sum, a good faith attempt has been made to address all of the rejections and to present new claims that are also believed to be in proper form and allowable in view of the prior art. A Notice of Allowance referring to claims 1-13, as amended here, is therefore respectfully requested to issue at the earliest possible date.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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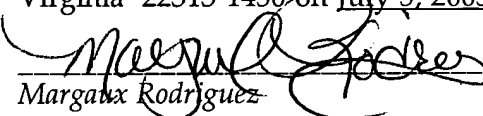
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